

## TO FORMER REBELS

## M'KINLEY SPEAKS IN CONFEDERATE

ENTHUSIASTICALLY WELCOMED

HEARTIEST RECEPTION OF THE ENTIRE SOUTHERN TRIP.

**President McKinley Pays Tribute to  
Lieutenant Hobson's Mother and  
to General Wheeler's Daughter—Visits Broker Wash-**

**ington's School.**

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Dec. 18.—The president and his party were given a magnificent welcome in the Confederacy's first capital to-day. The president's train was escorted from Atlanta to Tuskegee, and hence here by the state assembly. Governor Johnston, Chief Justice McClellan and party of ladies. The assembly's train came in ahead of the president's. At the Union station the presidential party was met by the governor, committees from the assembly, the state senate, the council, and the Commercial and Industrial Association. Mayor Clisby received the president with a well worded speech at the station.

The whole party was then taken in carriages through the leading business and residence streets to the old Confederate capitol.

The entire route was ablaze with national colors, while tremendous crowds lined the streets as far as the eye could reach. No such gathering has been seen here since Mr. Cleveland's visit during his first term.

Capitol hill was one mass of humanity when the lines of carriages, escorted by the local military companies, reached it at 3 o'clock. When Governor Johnston escorted President McKinley into the hall there was a tremendous demonstration.

Governor Johnston made a brief speech in which he took occasion to say that Alabama had nothing to take back for wh...

she died in 1861, but that she was back in the Union to stay, and that she welcomed the president of the reunited country to the historic spot around the assemblage.

He then introduced President McKinley, who spoke as follows:

"To the General Assembly and Citizens.

"The warm hearted welcome which has been given to me by the citizens of Alabama has deeply touched me, and in return for it I cannot find language to express my gratitude and appreciation. To be welcomed here in the city of Montgomery,

—warmly and enthusiastically welcomed a  
the president of a common country, by

the present of a common country—unfilled and thrilled me with emotion. Once the capital of the Confederacy; now the capital of a great and glorious state, one of the indestructible states of an indestructible Union.

for having kept you in the Union; we are glad you did not go out, and you are glad you stayed in. (Tremendous applause.)

"Alabama, like all the states of the Union, North and South, has been loyal to the flag and steadfastly devoted to the Union."

American nation and to American honor. There never has been, in the history of the United States, such a demonstration of patriotism from one end of this country to the other as in the year just passing, and never has American valor been more brilliantly illustrated in the battle line of

shore and on battleship at sea than b  
the soldiers and sailors of the United  
States.  
"Everybody is talking of Hobson, and  
justly so, but I want to thank Mother Hobson  
in this presence. Everybody is talking  
about General Wheeler, one of the brave

of the brave, but I want to speak of the sweet little daughter that followed him to

Santiago (great applause) and ministers to the sick at Montauk. (Cheers.) I have spoken in many places and at many times of the heroism of the American army and the American navy, but in our recent conflict the whole people were patriots. Two hundred thousand men were called for

"I like the feeling of the American people that we ought not to have a large standing army; but it has been demon-

strated in the last few months that we need the standing army large enough to do all the work required while we are at peace and only rely on the great body of the people in an emergency to help up fight our battles. (Applause.)

"We love peace. We are not a milita-

nation, but whenever the time of peril comes the bulwark of this people rests on the patriotism of its citizens, and this nation will be safe for all time because 7,000,000 of people love it and will give their lives to sustain and uphold it. (Great applause.)

"I thank you, my fellow citizens, for the generous warmth and wealth of welcome which you have given me to-day, and shall go back to my duties at our great capital feeling that we have a united country that acknowledges allegiance to but one authority and will march forever united under one flag, the glorious old stars and stripes."

The audience constantly punctuated the president's remarks with the wildest demonstrations of applause and especially in tributes to Lieutenant Hobson's mother and General Wheeler's daughter. As soon as he had finished, the governor started

to escort the president away for a reception at his own home, but the audience would not have it. They called for General Wheeler, General Shafter, General Lawton, Secretaries Alger and Long and Postmaster General Smith. General Lawton at first refused to speak, then, amid great applause, he said: "I am not

The other speakers emphasized the power of the Spanish war in restoring the harmony and cordiality between the different sections. Secretary Long was especially

well received, as he called attention to the fact that, in addition to Wheeler and Hobson, there was another Alabamian who had contributed a vast deal to the success of the war in his important work of building the navy, his predecessor, Rear Admiral A. Herbert Montgomery.

He next went to meet the colored people of the city at Old Ship church, where he received him with a

He made a short but forcible speech there. This ended the ceremonies here. The party was conveyed back to the train, and, at 5:30 o'clock, amid the roar of cannon, the president left for Savannah. The president and members of his party spoke in the warmest terms of their enthusiastic reception here. There is little doubt that it is

been the heartiest he has experienced on his Southern trip and it is accounted for

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